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JOHN J. BARTHELMES
COMMISSIONER

December 17, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police to accept the donation of two (2) canine ballistic vests with a total value of approximately \$4,400.00 from Kathy Hinds, President of Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog, Inc., to be used by the Division of State Police for the patrol canines. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Explanation

The Department of Safety has been given the opportunity to acquire two canine ballistic vests through the Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog, Inc. The organization received a community support grant through PetSmart for police dogs throughout Massachusetts, but was unable to use all the funds from the grant. The representatives from New Hampshire PetSmart and Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog, Inc. agreed to use the funds to purchase two vests to be donated to and used by the State Police Canine Unit in the State of New Hampshire.

Currently, New Hampshire State Police are in need of three (3) vests to have the entire Canine Unit outfitted with these ballistic vests. The donation of these two vests for the unit will help fill this need and will provide better protection for the canines, thus protecting the State's investment in these dogs.

Respectfully submitted,


John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner

State of New Hampshire

Inter-Department Communication

DATE October 13, 2014

FROM Sergeant Mark B. Hall

AT (OFFICE) Headquarters

SUBJECT Request for Acceptance of Donations

TO Colonel Robert L. Quinn
Director

Major Christopher AuCoin
Commander, Field Operations

Captain Gary Wood
Field Area Commander

Lieutenant Matthew Shapiro
Special Services Commander

"THE VESTS IN QUESTION WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BOTH K9 PATROL AND K9 SWAT APPLICATIONS - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"

Ms 12-12-14

12/12/14
Recommendation
MSB

Sir,

I was recently contacted by Kathy Hinds, President of Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog, Inc. offering to donate ballistic vests to the Division's canines. Ms. Hinds explained that her organization procures funds to purchase ballistic vests for police dogs throughout Massachusetts. She indicated that her organization received a community support grant from PetSmart, but they were unable to use all of the funds from the grant. Ms. Hinds spoke with the representatives from NH PetSmart and her organization agreed to use the funds to purchase vests for canines in the State of New Hampshire.

Currently, we are in need of three (3) vests to have the entire Canine Unit outfitted with ballistic vests. Ms. Hinds said that she has \$4,400.00 to purchase two (2) vests for the unit. These particular vests are made by K9 Storm and are specialized for SWAT dog applications. The vests cost \$2,200.00 each. These vests would be an enormous asset to the Canine Unit and will help better protect the investment of these dogs. I am respectfully requesting the approval of the acceptance of these assets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Mark B. Hall



Canine Unit Commander
Headquarters